GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:423
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2001
PAPERS OF CLASS XII
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers of various schools and the students of class XII have complained of discrepanciesand of questions being out of syllabus in regard to the Economics and French language papers of the CBSE;

(b) if so, whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "CBSE fails-gives one flawed test paper after another" appearing in 'The Hindustan Times' dated March 25, 2001;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TO THELOKSABHASTARRED QUESTION No.423 FOR 17.4.2001 ASKED BY SH RAM MOHAN GADDE AND SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI REGARDING PAPERS OF CLASS XII.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). CBSE has alsc seen the News item.

(c) : The CBSE has informed that no question in Economics Question Paper of class XII was out of the syllabus. However out of 9 sets of question papers of economics, only in one set of question paper (code No. 58/1/2), discrepancies in Question No. 16 and 28 have been noticed. In Question No. 16, examinees are required to calculate Gross National Product at the Market Price by Income Method as well as Expenditure Method. As per the statistics of the question, the answer by income method and expenditure method differs by Rs.10 crores, whereas conceptually there should be no difference. In Question No. 28of the same Question paper, the import of the question has become different in English and Hindi Version.

In French Question Paper of Class XII,there were complaints that Question Nos. 1(b), 1(d) & 2(a) were beyond the comprehension level of the examinees. The paper setter has indicated that even though the expressions do not figure in the prescribed text, these are common knowledge and are used very frequently in classroom transactions. However, the subject expert has opined that the expressions are either out of course or beyond the comprehension level of the examinees.

(d) All comments and complaints received by the CBSE aboutthe said Question Papers have been considered bythe Subject Experts and necessary instructions have been incorporated in the detailed Marking Scheme to be provided to the evaluators to ensure that the examinees do not suffer on account of any discrepancy occurring in the question papers. CBSE is an autonomous organisation and it has in- built mechanisms already developed to take requisite corrective steps to meet such eventualities. Necessary action has been taken against the persons responsible for these discrepancies.